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SUBJECT: REPORT OF ALLEGED US EMISSARY TO LATIN AMERICA
REF: BRASILIA 746

1. WASHINGTON POST AND NEW YORK TIMES CALLED DEPARTMENT
JANUARY 24 TO CHECK AUTHENTICITY OF REPORT FROM BRAZIL
THAT USG HAD SENT AN EMISSARY TO SECURE GOB SUPPORT FOR
MILITARY ACTION AGAINST A PETROLEUM PRODUCING COUNTRY.
DEPARTMENT DENIED REPORT CATEGORICALLY.

2. UPON RECEIPT OF REFTEL DEPARTMENT CHECKED WITH FBIS
WHICH COULD FIND NO REPORT BY VATICAN RADIO CONCERNING
ALLEGED EMISSARY.

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3. OF POSSIBLE RELEVANCE, HOWEVER, IS FBIS REPORT OF A

BROADLY ANTI-US ARTICLE FROM EL TIEMPO (BOGOTA) OF JANUARY 26 ENTITLED "LAW WITH A BIG STICK AND A DOUBLE STANDARD" WHICH ALTHOUGH CONCENTRATING ON TRA, REFERS TO US THREAT OF MILITARY INTERVENTION IN MIDDLE EAST AND IMPLIES THAT ONE OF THE PURPOSES OF AMBASSADOR MAILLARD'S VISIT TO SEVERAL LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES IS TO CONVINCE LATIN AMERICA TO ALIGN ITSELF WITH US "IN THE CRUSADE TO SAVE CHRISTIAN WESTERN CIVILIZATION FROM AN ECONOMIC DEBACLE."

4. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S COMMENT ON JOURNAL DO BRASIL STORY TO EFFECT CARDINAL ARNS HAD CONFIRMED THAT HE HAD A MEETING WITH A HIGH AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC SOURCE WHO WAS SEEKING SUPPORT FOR US ACTION. KISSINGER

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